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#### WORLD

## Iran prisoner details arrest

By Alberto Long

Omid Kokabee, a former UT grad student currently imprisoned in Iran, said in a public letter he has been “persecuted for refusing to cooperate with Iranian military projects,” the Nature International Weekly Journal of Science reported last week.

Kokabee, who transferred from the Institute of Photonic Sciences in Spain to UT as a laser physics Ph.D. candidate in 2010, wrote in a letter dated March 2013 that he has refused all petitions to collaborate with the Iranian military before and during his ongoing detention.

“Since 2005, I have been invited several times to work as a scientist and

technical manager for military and intelligence projects,” Kokabee wrote.

Kokabee also said he was asked in 2006 to develop a powerful carbon dioxide laser for isotope separation, which can be used to enrich uranium.

In the public letter, Kokabee says the Iranian



**Omid Kokabee**

Former UT grad student

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## TACO TOWN



**Charlie Pearce** | Daily Texan Staff

Waiter Martin Hernandez serves up a taco dish at El Patio on Monday afternoon.

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#### WEST CAMPUS

## Inmate may see retrial for local 2005 murder

By Alberto Long



**Colton Pitonyak**

Inmate

Attorneys say recent developments in a case involving a 2005 West Campus murder could be the first step toward a retrial, and previously withheld evidence suggests the possibility of an alternative perpetrator. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted Colton Pitonyak's attorneys an expedited appeal process and mandated oral argument on the basis of a Brady violation on April 22.

Pitonyak's lawyers say they are “cautiously optimistic” about the “biggest” developments since the original Brady appeal was granted on March 12.

Pitonyak, a former UT student, is currently serving a 55-year prison sentence for the 2005 murder and mutilation of then-21-year-old Jennifer Cave, who was found shot and dismembered in a bathtub at Pitonyak's West Campus apartment. Former UT student Laura Ashley Hall, a friend of Pitonyak's who is described as his jealous lover according to court documents, is currently serving a 10-year sentence for tampering with evidence. Both fled to Mexico following the murder and were apprehended by authorities during their attempt to cross the border back into the U.S.

Pitonyak's attorneys have long suspected Hall is responsible for Cave's murder, citing evidence suggesting Hall confessed to the murder on multiple occasions.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to review Pitonyak's case based on claims that the state withheld evidence containing Hall's confessions during the initial trial in 2007. Pitonyak's attorneys were granted a hearing based on a subsequent Brady violation, which the judge called “perplexing and [deserving] of further review,” according to an official court document.

The U.S. Attorney General's office must file their own brief by the end of May and oral arguments over the materiality of the Brady violation will begin at the end of August. Chris Perri, one of Pitonyak's defense attorneys, said mandated oral

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#### CITY



**Sam Ortega** | Daily Texan Staff

A construction worker oversees several other workers at a construction site in West Campus on Monday afternoon.

## Group defends workers' pay

By Miles Hutson

Dave Dixon, executive director of program management for UT's Office of Facilities Planning & Construction, said he saw no pressing demand for outside monitoring of University construction sites, but was open to the possibility.

Workers Defense Project, an advocacy group for low-wage workers, extended the offer in a protest on April 19. The protest addressed roughly \$9,000 in then-unpaid wages from a UT-San Antonio construction project. Since the

protest, a subcontractor of Pillar Construction has paid these wages to its workers.

“[Problems with construction workers] is a plague that has basically crept over all the Texas construction industry,” said Workers Defense Project business liaison Gregorio Cesar. “Specifically with universities, we see that student housing has been built with unjust working conditions.”

Cesar mainly addressed off-campus development such as 2400 Nueces, where a fall injured three workers after Workers Defense Project had received multiple safety complaints from the site. However,

he said UT should use its role as a community leader to encourage change in Texas.

Cesar pointed to a report published by Workers Defense Project in partnership with UT's Community Engagement Center, which found one in five workers will be hospitalized in their career.

Patricia Zavala, workplace justice coordinator of Workers Defense Project, said the key to preventing abuse is monitoring.

“We want to see them work with their builders and contractors,” Zavala said.

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The sun rises from the yeast.

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argument is a positive and rare occurrence within the federal appeal process. “We file the first appeal, and a month later the other side has their opportunity,” Perri said. “Because the appeal is expedited, the other

side can’t get extensions. It’s a good sign when oral argument is granted. It’s rare, only 10 percent of cases do.” Pitonyak’s lawyers will have to prove that the withheld evidence could have had an impact in the original jury’s verdict, denying Pitonyak his right to due process — a federal constitutional violation. If they succeed, the prosecuting attorneys have the option

to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Perri said the Supreme Court only hears one percent of appeal cases. Pitonyak will be granted a new trial at the 147th State District Court in Austin if the prosecutors fail to successfully appeal the case to the Supreme Court. “Even though we won’t be raising every issue

pertaining to the trial during oral argument, the judges will still be looking at the entire trial,” Perri said. “We’re not having to prove Colton’s innocence in August. We just have to prove the withheld evidence undermined the jury’s verdict. Juries are unpredictable. We can’t know what the jury would have done if the Brady evidence was presented.”

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Zavala said Workers Defense Project monitors build relationships with workers so they feel comfortable coming to them with pay and safety issues. However, Dixon said the UT System already makes considerable efforts to ensure the general contractors it hires have sound practices. “We only have maybe 10

to 20 percent of the evaluation [of a firm] based on cost,” Dixon said. Dixon said the process of hiring a general contractor includes asking them to submit safety and execution plans for a project. This vetting process, according to Dixon, enables the University to out-compete comparable institutions on its safety record. Office of Facilities Planning and Construction manages construction projects with a reported incident rate 44 percent lower

than the national average. Dixon claimed its rate compares even more favorably with large public institutions. Dixon said this is not only because of the selection process, but comes from UT’s analysis of accidents and near-accidents, and an award program it has set up for safe construction projects. Dixon said checkups on construction sites by OFPC inspectors also help ensure everything stays on track. “My inspectors would know basically all of the foremen and

superintendents,” Dixon said. “Our inspectors are clearly identified in the field as being the guys in charge ... It would be unreasonable to expect an inspector to know every [one of the 200 to 300] craft labor workers on a project.” Still, he said he is happy to reach out to Workers Defense Project for their monitoring services. “Anything they can do to add to that particular effort toward [safety] is something I would fully endorse,” Dixon said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

In-N-Out plans for Central Austin address

Austin residents may soon be able to visit the popular fast food chain In-N-Out Burger without needing to take a road trip to its nearest location in Fort Worth. Carl Van Fleet, vice president of planning and development for In-N-Out, said many details have yet to be released about the Central Austin location, which will be at the intersection of I-35 and Airport Boulevard. “We are very enthusiastic about the opportunity in North Loop, but our project there is still in the early stages,” Van Fleet said. “Once we begin construction on a new restaurant, it usually takes us four to five months to open for business, and we still have some work to do before we can even begin construction. As to the why for that location, it is a great site in a vibrant area with good proximity to I-35.”

An additional location in Round Rock is set to open in fall 2013, near the Round Rock Premium Outlets mall. In-N-Out has primarily served West Coast areas since its opening in 1948, but has been moving east into Nevada, Arizona and Utah since the early 1990s. The chain’s first Texas location opened in 2011, and there are currently 18 Texas locations listed on the company’s website. Government and sociology junior Eric Ryu said the quality and simplicity of the food is what he enjoys about In-N-Out, in addition to a “secret” menu that makes ordering more fun.

“I really love In-N-Out,” Ryu said. “I think it would be awesome to have one in Austin. I will definitely go to the new location. Austinites will definitely love In-N-Out.”

—Hannah Jane DeCutiis

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military’s invitations often came with lucrative offers. He was offered a full scholarship funded by the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran to enroll in doctoral programs. The coercion on behalf of Iranian officials continued while he was imprisoned, Kokabee wrote. While in prison, Kokabee received a visit from an alleged representative of Iran’s National Elites Foundation, an organization designed to

support talented Iranians. He also reported government representatives visited his family in his hometown of Gonbad-e Qabus. Kokabee said he has been offered release from prison in exchange for cooperation in several of these instances. Iranian authorities arrested Kokabee on Jan. 30, 2011 inside a Tehran airport. On May 13, 2012, Kokabee was sentenced to 10 years in prison for cooperating with

a hostile government. In the letter, Kokabee maintains his innocence and says many transgressions have impeded the progress of his trial, detention and interrogation. According to the Nature International Weekly Journal of Science, there are several scientific organizations in the US that have openly supported Kokabee in his struggle and are petitioning for his right to a fair trial.

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VIEWPOINT

## UT's foundations require transparency

The trailer for *Homo Erectus*, a 2007 movie written, directed by and starring Adam Rifkin, lasts two and a half painful minutes and features a montage of women being clubbed over the head, one naked butt and a few cuts of men kissing, the last an unsophisticated reference to the first word in the film's title.

Roderick Hart, dean of the College of Communications, confirms what the trailer implies: "It was a terrible film."

But UT and UT students helped make the movie. *Homo Erectus* was produced by Burnt Orange Productions, LLC, a company owned by the UT Communication Foundation. The University cannot legally own a for-profit company, but the foundation successfully circumvents that rule because the Communication Foundation is an external nonprofit. Its stated mission is to support the University.

In reality, the Communication Foundation was established in 2003 to pay for *Homo Erectus* and other films with both public and private money. Those films, in their defense, provided a learning experience for UT students interested in filmmaking, a handful of whom worked behind the scenes and on the set. Radio, Television and Film students worked on four films produced by Burnt Orange Productions between 2003 and 2007.

The films were meant as an educational exercise, with the possibility that they would additionally generate revenue. Ellen Wartella, dean of the College of Communication when the Communication Foundation was established, explained in an interview: "We were hoping to set up a film production

program that our students would work on that would actually produce films. We hoped it would develop into a source of income to keep production going with in the department. It was a way of connecting our students and getting them money for productions and getting them shown in theaters."

In the past year, other external foundations collecting private money to support this public University have come under close scrutiny as part of a larger power struggle for control and oversight between the UT System Board of Regents and the UT administration.

In 2011, Lawrence Sager, former dean of the University of Texas Law School, resigned under pressure after he gave himself a \$500,000 forgivable loan using funds from the School of Law Foundation, a fact revealed by an open records request filed by disgruntled faculty members. Because the School of Law Foundation and the Communication Foundation are external to the University, the money they contribute is subject to different rules than public funds that come from other sources: the Texas Legislature (13 percent of the 2012 UT-Austin budget), the Permanent University Fund (the UT-System endowment) and federal funding from the U.S. Government.

In a state rabid about access to public information and transparency of government, the foundations operate in the shadows. The rules governing the money's distribution are inconsistent and vague. The University wants to keep the regents at bay, but at a public institution, even private funds must be dispersed in a manner that is transparent and clear. This lack

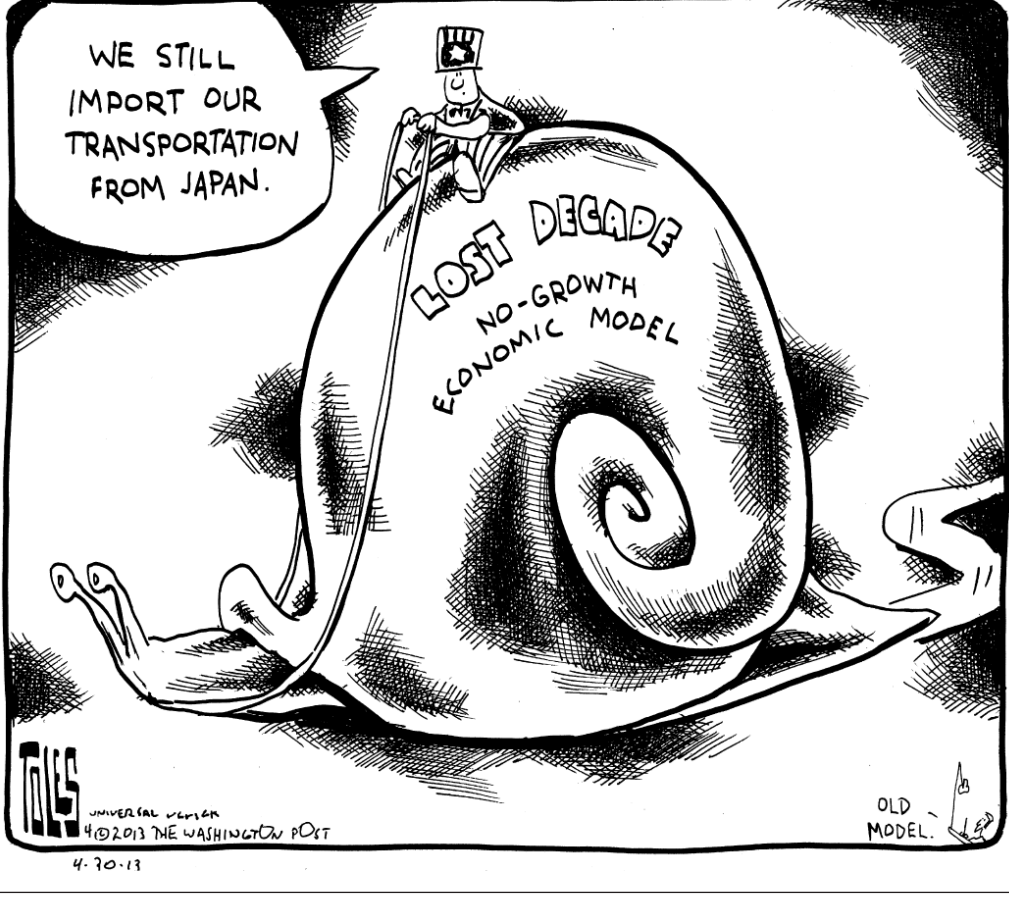
of transparency was truly the most objectionable characteristic of the Communication Foundation, the tastefulness of clubbing women aside.

The University was unable to provide records of Burnt Orange Productions' expenditures, but the foundation "registered consistent negative balance of more than \$760,000 on its tax forms since filmmaking ended in 2007," according to an April 29 article in *The Daily Texan*. It continues, "By writing off its losses, the foundation registered a positive balance on its 2012 tax return of \$22,000, but how those funds will be spent and whether or not the organization has any potential as a vehicle for funding at the University of Texas remains to be seen."

Should *Homo Erectus* and a filmmaking company described as a "sinkhole" for private and public money be a part of the mission of higher education? Many students involved directly in the project say "yes," because the foundation provided them with valuable learning experience. One student told the *Texan*, "The main long-term benefit I received was working with high quality material."

But any money flowing touched by foundations linked to the University — even money aimed ostensibly at enhancing the student experience — should be subject to all the transparency requirements of a public university in Texas. The intentionally opaque structures of many external foundations, which blur the lines between public responsibility and private interest, demand attention.

GALLERY



COLUMN

## We're on the same team

**Ashley Purgason**  
Guest Columnist

Serving as the student regent on the University of Texas System Board of Regents offers me a unique perspective. I travel the state visiting the 15 UT campuses, talking with students and bringing their concerns back to the nine-member board responsible for governing one of Texas' most precious resources, the UT System. I also have the privilege of witnessing and participating in the deliberations when regents are making decisions that affect UT institutions. I bring the student perspective — and it's a perspective my fellow regents consider and appreciate.

Discussions during many of my recent visits seem inevitably to turn to questions surrounding the board's governing authority and recent media coverage of the board. One of the issues I hear about frequently may be of specific concern to students at UT-Austin: criticism of the regents for what some feel is an overzealous approach to governing UT-Austin, for questioning certain practices at our University and for requesting information.

I understand the concern. Regents may disagree on individual issues and discussion between them is often spirited. This, to me, is the hallmark of a healthy and energized board, as each member brings individual ideas, experience and talents to the discussion. My message to students of the UT System is that regardless of the approach or the perception, every member of the board wears the same team jersey and is motivated by one goal: to create a system of higher education that best serves the students of Texas and sets the standard for the nation and the world. And, as far as UT-Austin in particular, my fellow regents and I want nothing less than to help catapult this University to the position of the finest public institution in the nation.

COLUMN

## Look twice at LBJ's legacy

**Travis Knoll**  
Daily Texan Columnist

Here in Austin, former President Lyndon Banes Johnson is considered a tragic figure whose many social programs (Medicare among many others) were marred by the war in Vietnam. Former President Richard Nixon, meanwhile, is viewed as Machiavellian, almost evil. Nixon is often most remembered for the Watergate scandal, in which his staff broke into the 1972 Democratic headquarters and tapped the phones of Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern. Nixon, despite his push for universal health care, his launching of the Environmental Protection Agency and his extension of Johnson's programs, is remembered more for his "silent majority," "southern strategy" tactics and crass interventions in Latin America. It's time rethink this narrative, and the resources at the LBJ Presidential Library can help us do so.

Recently, allegations about Nixon staffers' alleged meddling in the Vietnam peace talks have come back into the news, with an article by the BBC's David Taylor citing Johnson administration officials saying that in October 1968, Johnson had knowledge of the parallel dialogue regarding his efforts to stop bombing in Vietnam but did nothing, fearing a political backlash should his surveillance of Nixon's aides come to light. Taylor cites recorded telephone conversations between Johnson and then-U.S. Senator from Georgia Richard Russell to back his claims. This would seem to confirm the running narrative of a fiery Johnson pitted against a cold and calculating Nixon. However, other phone calls during that time period paint a more complicated picture.

The tapes with the phone calls reveal that Johnson was conflicted over Nixon's intervention, but also over his protege Vice President Hubert Humphrey's handling of the war issue. Commenting on Nixon's intervention he says, "It's not very easy for me to work under those conditions, anymore than when Hubert [Humphrey] says he would stop the bombing 'without a comma, semicolon, but period.'" At one point in the tapes, Johnson says that Nixon "has the right [electoral] formula" and predicts that Humphrey could hurt himself by positioning himself as a dove. All in all, the conversation reveals subterfuge, but also striking continuities. Johnson clearly favored Nixon's

position over former presidential contender and Sen. Eugene McCarthy, who had defeated LBJ in New Hampshire's primary. "Up till now Nixon and the Republicans have supported me ... better than Eugene McCarthy, [Arkansas Sen. J. William] Fulbright and the rest of them," Johnson says in the tapes. Johnson also makes the case that he sacrificed his political career to exit gracefully from the war, saying that "if [he] had wanted to sell the country out," he would have left Vietnam "five months ago" and gotten "overwhelmingly reelected." Johnson longs for continuity as he recalls his support for Eisenhower and a tradition of not undermining the commander in chief in the area of foreign affairs. Johnson emphasizes in his call to Humphrey the day before the proposed cessation that he is not announcing a peace, but a "discussion." He fears that the North Vietnamese will "take advantage" of the temporary halt to the bombing.

The tapes reveal broad bipartisan suspicion of communist regimes and expose the healthy egos that prevented peace from then going forward, evidenced by the Nixon campaign's maneuvering and Johnson's demand that the bombing cessation be conditional. The LBJ Presidential Library's exhibits generally and erroneously portray Johnson as tragically noble; they fail to question his dubious claims with respect to the Gulf of Tonkin attacks that triggered the escalation and fail to grapple with Johnson's own conflicts with his predecessor John F. Kennedy and, before his death in 1968, Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign.

More generally, the tapes are one more example of how political interests and rhetoric mask a bipartisan consensus. Former President Ronald Reagan is remembered for his announcement heralding the end to the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis, although Reagan's election opponent that year, former President Jimmy Carter, negotiated the release. Former President George W. Bush successfully negotiated the status of forces agreement that withdrew U.S. troops from Iraq at the end of 2011.

Next time UT students visit the LBJ Presidential Library, they should reconsider the standard assessments of our former presidents and look not at each individual color but at the tapestry that weaves together U.S. foreign policy.

*Knoll is a Latin American Studies senior from Dallas.*

Already, UT-Austin is recognized as among the best universities in the world, and its graduate programs receive accolades every year. The regents want to strengthen and continue that legacy while looking forward and asking what higher education will need to look like this decade, next decade and beyond. Regents also want to ensure that UT-Austin remains accessible and affordable so that students from across Texas, regardless of their circumstances, can seize opportunities for themselves and their families.

In just the past few years, the board has allocated billions of dollars and launched dozens of innovative initiatives on campuses across Texas. At UT-Austin alone, we've approved spending of nearly \$1 billion. Regents have supported and implemented initiatives such as MyEdu to help students plan their college careers and stay on track and out of debt. They built a partnership with edX, collaborating with universities like Harvard and MIT to bring UT classes to massive online audiences. Not surprisingly, the first UT courses to be introduced on the edX platform are from UT-Austin, representing the campus' pattern of innovation. The board also committed \$25 million a year to UT-Austin to help realize the dream of building a medical school and provided \$105 million for a new state-of-the-art engineering facility.

The board is extremely supportive and appreciative of Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, who champions each UT institution every day. In 2011 he put together the Framework for Advancing Excellence, which provides a brilliant blueprint for success and has become a national model, earning the chancellor two visits to the White House. This visionary chancellor, his forward-thinking administration, our 15 selfless presidents and their talented faculty, staff and students are the heartbeat of the UT System and the pride of this board.

Moving forward, we as a board must support, listen to and exchange ideas with the leadership of UT System universities. We must continue to consider our university communities' convictions in our deliberations. Every member of this board is learning from our decisions, each other, our university leadership, lawmakers and everyone who cares about UT.

Students, alumni and faculty are right in vigilantly observing and questioning the actions of university leadership and the board. If I learned anything in government class, it's that checks and balances are a great thing. But in our discourse, let's all remember that our goal is the same. All of us, from regents to freshmen, must balance our actions, passions and perceptions with respect and acknowledge that we all want what's best for the UT System. We must be better communicators and guide our approach by putting people first and having a little faith in one another.

We are, after all, teammates. Same jersey, same goal.

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Foundation maintains LBJ funding

Editor's Note: This is one story in a series of features on external UT foundations that will end Wednesday.

By Megan Strickland

When former Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin was hired to a prominent position at the LBJ School of Public Affairs earlier this year, an external foundation played a critical role in her employment.

The Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor in Ethics and Political Values chair at the school is one of many financial incentives the LBJ School is able to offer because of contributions from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, said Robert Hutchings, dean of the school.

"We wouldn't have the faculty support we have without those chairs," Hutchings said. "We wouldn't be able to recruit the students we have without that support."

Despite accumulating a \$157 million endowment, the most of any external foundation linked to UT, executive director Mary Herman said many people still don't even know it exists.

"I think the LBJ Foundation has kept a low profile so a lot of people don't even know we exist, or what we

do for the library and the school," Herman said.

The LBJ Foundation formed in 1974 when President Lyndon Baines Johnson and friends decided to raise money for an endowment that would benefit the public affairs school and presidential library that were being constructed in his honor. A board of directors that meets biannually includes members of the Johnson family, their friends and younger members who have experience in public affairs. The board helps keep the foundation going, Herman said.

Herman said the foundation's next big plans include events in Washington, D.C., and Austin in 2014 to honor the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act passed and signed by Johnson.

The foundation gave more than \$4.2 million to the LBJ School in 2011, according to IRS documents. Most of the funding is earmarked for endowed chairs for professors and graduate student fellowships, Hutchings said.

"Although we continue to raise funds for the school and the library, the majority of our funding comes from the endowment," Herman said. "We've been in existence for a while, so we've really been able to earn a lot of money on funds that were there in

the beginning. We've added to that over time, but it's certainly built on that over time."

The foundation's eight employees work closely with the school, said Larry Temple, chairman of the board of directors.

"From the standpoint of the school, we just try to provide scholarships and fellowships that will help attract the best students and the best faculty," Temple said. "We don't get into the business of trying to run that school at all. We try to work to provide the best financial resources available so the school can reach its ambitions."

The foundation also works with the LBJ Presidential Library to direct funds to a variety of projects, including providing research grants to the LBJ School, administering the Lady Bird Johnson Environmental Awards and redesigning the library — which reopened in December after an \$11 million renovation. The foundation contributed more than \$2.5 million to the library in 2011, according to IRS documents.

"Having so many balls in the air at one time, you've really got to be proactive and respond quickly and be really nimble in managing all these different interests," Herman said.

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\$97,000 in 2011. But the foundation's primary source of revenue is from the Executive Education Program, a training program for professionals.

Five business faculty members provide training at conferences for corporations and state agencies and are compensated by the foundation in amounts ranging from about \$300,000 for senior management lecturer Gaylen Paulson to almost \$570,000 for John Daly, communication studies and management professor. This compensation is in addition to their University salaries. Other professors occasionally provide training through the program, but their compensations are not listed individually on tax records.

The program brought in about \$7.4 million in revenue during the 2011 fiscal year. The foundation uses the money toward regular philanthropic operations, Holt said.

Like other external foundations, the business school foundation has allowed donors to establish enterprises benefitting the University that would face legal constraints if carried out by the University itself.

Dallas attorney Del Williams, former chairman of the foundation's board, said former business school dean George Kozmetsky initially set up the foundation so that private gifts could be invested in stocks — something state laws prohibited at the time.

Kozmetsky laid the groundwork for the MBA Investment Fund, LLC, which was created in 2001 as the first private investment company managed by students, Williams said.

Business school spokesman David Wenger said the fund operates under a management agreement with the foundation.

"The MBA Investment Fund manager has full discretion to manage the fund while giving quarterly accountability reports to the

foundation," Wenger said. "While every attempt is made to increase the value of the fund, its primary purpose is to serve as a real-world educational experience for the student portfolio managers."

In addition to establishing the investment fund, the foundation has also helped the business school with property acquisition. In 2011, the foundation purchased the property where Players Restaurant sits on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard for \$3 million. The University then bought the property from the foundation for \$1.5 million as part of a deal to obtain the property below its appraised value of \$2.5 million. State law prohibits the University from purchasing property at more than the appraised value.

The University plans to use the property to expand the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center and construct a graduate business school building. The owners of Players can continue to operate on the property for up to 10 years.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Alumni launch effort to protest UT regents

A group of prominent University donors and involved alumni have launched an online campaign criticizing the recent behavior of the UT System Board of Regents. Alumni Charles Tate, Joe Jamail and Julius Glickman founded the campaign, entitled "Wake Up, Longhorns," after two years of disturbing actions taken by the Regents, Glickman said. The campaign encourages concerned citizens to contact state representatives.

"So many of the recent acts [by the Regents] can be categorized as taking us from excellence into mediocrity," Glickman said. "That's what this is really about."

Jamail, Tate and Glickman are all members of the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education, an organization formed to "promote excellence, accountability and progress" in the state's universities. Tate and Glickman also sit on the coalition's executive committee. Jennifer Sarver, a spokeswoman for the coalition, said the two organizations have similar goals but are not connected.

"Concerns over the micro-management of the University by the board are a shared concern," Sarver said.

—Jordan Rudner

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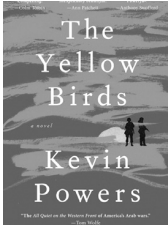
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Heather Frambach, Margaret Shaw, Mike Martinez and moderator Paula McDermott discuss the growing business of food sustainability at the LBJ School of Public Affairs on Monday afternoon.

Jorge Corona  
Daily Texan Staff

Panel provides food for thought

By Barak Bullock

Inequal access to food obstructs the creation of a more just food system in Austin, according to an expert panel held Monday.

Four public affairs graduate students and Paula McDermott, Austin Sustainable Food Policy Board member, organized the "Food Justice and The Local Food Economy" panel as a part of a new course they designed on food policy.

The invited panel consisted of Mike Martinez, Austin City Council member; Margaret Shaw, program manager of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Offices for the City of Austin; Heather Frambach, urban agriculture planner at the Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden for the City of Austin; and Laurence Denis, director of the

Austin International School Association and McDermott, who moderated the panel.

Early in the panel's discussion, Martinez said he does not believe Austin has a just food system.

"A just food system means that everybody that lives in a community has the same access, and access to resources in that food system," Martinez said.

Martinez said access to food resources is most significantly limited in the East Austin area.

While discussing efforts to expand food access, Shaw said the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office works to bridge the gap between farmers and customers.

"We are now ready as a food community to figure out where is that space that we see in other communities that actually helps farmers have access to new customers... We're marrying both education

and training to farmers to help them be better business people, with expanding their access to markets," Shaw said.

Frambach said although an emphasis on local food is good, so far it has not necessarily dented Austin's current inequality in food access.

"In Austin I think there's a beautiful, wonderful growing local food movement here, but it hasn't really necessarily translated into actual food access," Frambach said. "Poverty is the root issue here, and job creation is one of the major tools that we're going to use to fix the food system."

Martinez also said the city should think creatively to improve its food system.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

S&P 500 index closes at all-time high

NEW YORK — Technology companies led the Standard & Poor's 500 index to an all-time closing high Monday.

The stock market has recovered all the ground it lost over the previous two weeks, when worries over slower economic growth, falling commodity prices and disappointing quarterly earnings battered financial markets.

The S&P 500 index rose 11.37 points to close at 1,593.61. The 0.7 percent increase put the index above its previous closing high of 1,593.36, reached on April 11.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 106.20 points to 14,818.75, up 0.7 percent.

Syrian prime minister escapes bombing

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria's prime minister narrowly escaped an assassination attempt in the heart of the heavily defended capital Monday, state media said, laying bare the vulnerability of President Bashar Assad's regime.

The bombing, which killed several other people, highlights an accelerating campaign targeting government officials.

State television said Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi was not hurt in the bombing, which struck his convoy as it drove through the posh Mazzeh neighborhood. The attack on al-Halqi punctuated a series of attacks on government officials in recent weeks.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

Athlete comes out as gay

By David Crary  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — By coming out as gay while still an active NBA player, Jason Collins breaks one of the last remaining barriers for gays and lesbians in an era of constant political gains and ever-growing public acceptance.

In most other realms of public life — including the military, Congress, the corporate boardroom — gays have been taking their place as equals. Until Monday, however, no male athlete had come out as gay while still an active player on any team in the four major North American pro sports leagues.

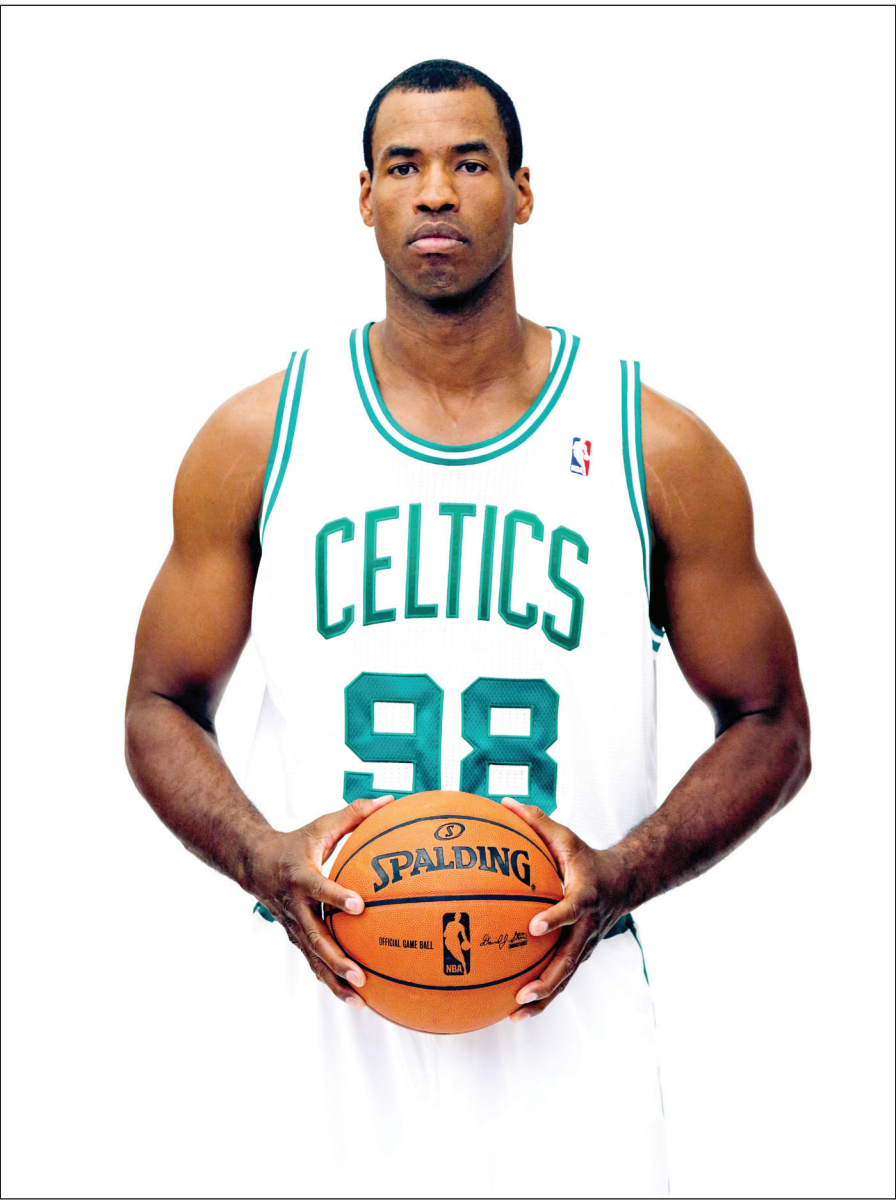
"Today's announcement again shows that gay Americans are our teachers, police officers, nurses, lawyers and even our professional athletes," said the president of the largest national gay-rights group, Chad Griffin of the Human Rights Campaign.

"We contribute to every aspect of our American community and deserve the same equal rights as every American," he said.

Beyond sports, the most dramatic barometer of shifting attitudes has been public opinion on same-sex marriage. The latest Gallup Poll on that issue pegged national support at 53 percent, up nearly twofold from 27 percent in 1996.

That change has been reflected in the political arena.

With a vote in the state Senate last week, Rhode Island put itself on track to become the 10th state to legalize same-sex marriage. Bills



Michael Dwyer | Associated Press

In a Sept. 28, 2012 file photo, the Boston Celtics' Jason Collins poses during Celtics NBA basketball media day. NBA veteran center Collins has become the first male professional athlete in the major four American sports leagues to come out as gay.

proposing to take the same step are pending in Minnesota, Delaware and Illinois.

Gay-rights supporters hope the trend will be reflected in rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court on whether the federal government should recognize same-sex marriages and on whether a ban on such marriages in California should be struck down.

In Congress, there are now a record seven openly gay or bisexual members, including Wisconsin Democrat Tammy Baldwin, the first openly gay U.S. senator, and Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., who is raising a son with his partner.

Mother of bombing suspects defends sons

By David Caruso,  
Michael Kunzelman  
& Max Seddon  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The angry and grieving mother of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects insists that her sons are innocent and that she's no terrorist.

But Zubeidat Tsarnaeva is drawing increased attention after federal officials say Russian authorities intercepted her phone calls, including one in which she vaguely discussed jihad with her elder son. In another, she was recorded talking to someone in southern Russia who is under FBI investigation in an unrelated case, U.S. officials said.

In photos of her as a younger woman, Tsarnaeva wears a low-cut blouse and has her hair teased. After she arrived in the U.S. from Russia in 2002, she went to beauty school and did facials at a suburban day spa.

Recently, people noticed a change. She began wearing a hijab and cited conspiracy theories about 9/11 being a plot against Muslims.

Tsarnaeva insists there is no mystery and that she's just someone who found a deeper spirituality. She fiercely defends her sons — Tamerlan, who was killed in a gunfight with police, and Dzhokhar, who was wounded and captured.

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## FOOTBALL

## CAREER MOVES

By Rachel Thompson

Former Texas players Kenny Vaccaro, Marquise Goodwin and Alex Okafor fulfilled their childhood dreams last week, being selected in the NFL draft. As Texas heads into the fall, the spotlight will shine on the next crop of seniors eager to prove themselves in the eyes of NFL scouts and coaches.

Wide receiver Mike Davis is among those entering his final year as a Longhorn. Davis started 11 times in 2012, leading the team in receiving yards, receiving touchdowns and yards per catch. Davis was a second team All-Big 12 choice by the San Antonio Express-News and the Dallas Morning News.

Entering the draft was a possibility this year for Davis, as he bounced back and forth on whether to remain at Texas or leave for the NFL. After discussing his options with Texas coaches and his family, Davis decided to stay.

"It's been tough for me," Davis told ESPN's Joe Schad. "I did plan on coming out [for the draft], but I need to do this one more time. I want to try to win the Biletnikoff award.



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Senior wide receiver Mike Davis enjoyed a productive junior year, and if he continues to refine his skills in his last season at Texas he could be the next Longhorn to make it to the NFL. Davis is joined by other upperclassmen as potential NFL prospects.

Those guys at Texas deserve another year."

Returning for his final year means Davis will have a chance to increase his efficiency on the field and boost his game tape with more catches.

"I took it upon myself to be a senior leader and

help the other receivers get better," Davis said.

2013 will mark offensive guard Mason Walters' fifth and final season at Texas. After missing the bulk of his freshman season with a foot injury, Walters returned to start 12 games during his second season

and win UT's Frank Medina Rehabilitation Award.

Walters has started all 13 games during his past two seasons. He was a 2012 honorable mention All-Big 12 selection and named to the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award watch lists.

Walters is already 17th on CBSSports.com's list of top offensive guards heading into the 2014 NFL Draft.

Jackson Jeffcoat earned buzz from sports analysts and columnists heading

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## Longhorns return starters, improve outlook

By David Leffler  
Daily Texan Columnist

With the NFL Draft in the rearview mirror, the Texas football program can now set its sights on a promising 2013 season. Despite the departure of team captains Kenny Vaccaro and Alex Okafor, the Longhorns will be looking to reach double-digit wins for the first time since 2009. The question is will they?

Looking ahead to their schedule this fall, things appear to be falling into place for the Longhorns. The top five quarterbacks in the Big 12 last year — Geno Smith, Landry Jones, Collin Klein, Nick Florence and Seth

Doege — all graduated and left gaping holes in their teams' backfields. Considering three of the Longhorns' four losses in 2012 came to those quarterbacks, that should bode very well for Texas.

And it doesn't stop there. The Longhorns' upcoming opponents had a combined .530 win percentage last year, including two teams that won only one game apiece. In fact, only two teams that Texas will play in 2013 won more than eight games last season: the Kansas State Wildcats and the Oklahoma Sooners. Though the Red River Rivalry is another story, the Wildcats shouldn't scare Texas without Klein, who was the Heisman front-runner for most of 2012.



Senior cornerback Carrington Byndom (23) will try to bounce back after a disappointing junior year.

Elisabeth Dillon  
Daily Texan  
file photo

The next question is whether the Longhorns will bring enough to the table to take advantage of what appears to be a golden opportunity to reclaim the Big 12 throne? When looking at the

Texas' roster, there's no doubt that Vaccaro and Okafor will be missed. Both were a presence in the locker room, providing leadership to a Longhorns team that featured underclassmen at almost

every starting position. Even more so, the duo usually provided the lone bright spots for a defense that was statistically the worst in Texas

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## BASEBALL



Shweta Gulati | Daily Texan Staff

Mark Payton and the Longhorns have yet to win a conference series after being swept by Baylor.

## UT limps into final homestand

By Sara Beth Purdy

The Longhorns will host Prairie View A&M on Tuesday night in an attempt to salvage what is left of their unsuccessful season. Texas (22-20, 5-12) was swept by in-state rival Baylor this past weekend in Waco, getting

outscored 12-4 through three games.

However, despite dropping all but two weekend series this year, the Longhorns have dominated their midweek games. Texas is 7-2 in Tuesday night contests, including a dominating offensive performance in a 12-5 victory over Texas State earlier this month.

"We keep telling them the truth," junior pitcher Corey Knebel said. "We're a lot different than last year. We're actually a team that's really good, but we're not showing it right now. We know it will turn around soon. It's got to. The team we have is

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## Horns leave runners on, can't close out games

By Matt Warden  
Daily Texan Columnist

They started from the top, now they're here.

After losing three straight games in last weekend's series to Baylor, the Longhorns find themselves in last place in the Big 12 with essentially no chance of reaching the NCAA Tournament this season. It will be the second straight year Texas

has missed the tournament — but why?

Texas' numbers over the entire season seem to suggest that it is doing less with more. The Texas pitching staff holds a Big 12-best 2.49 ERA, but the Longhorns are just 5-13 in conference play.

In this past weekend's series against Baylor, Texas showcased more than ever why it will miss out on going to Omaha, something

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Shweta Gulati | Daily Texan Staff

Nathan Thornhill (above) has the highest ERA of Longhorn starting pitchers at 2.54 and Texas sits at the bottom of the Big 12 standings.

## SIDELINE

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## TOP TWEET

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@MallyCat\_28  
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SPORTS  
BRIEFLYTexas golf places  
in Auburn Regional

Regional sites were announced for the 2013 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals by the Women's Golf Committee on Monday. Texas earned the No. 8 seed in the East Regional, and will compete in a regional tournament at the Auburn University Club in Auburn, Ala. from May 9-11. A total of 378 individuals will participate in regional competition, and 126 will advance to the championship finals. Other regional sites include Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club in Norman, Okla. and Stanford Golf Course in Stanford, Calif. The championship finals will be held May 21-24 at the University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens, Ga.

—Nick Cremona



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into the 2012 season as a top draft prospect.

The heavily recruited Plano West defensive end played in eight games during his first year at Texas and started 12 as a sophomore, missing only one start due to injury. His promising junior year was cut short by a right pectoral muscle rupture during the Texas-Oklahoma game. Despite the injury, Jeffcoat still managed to come in second on the team in tackles for loss and sacks.

Athleticism is in Jeffcoat's blood: His father, Jim Jeffcoat, was a well-known NFL lineman who played for both the Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills.

Jackson, lauded for his speed and flexibility on the field, still has analysts abuzz with his potential to land a spot in the early rounds of the 2014 draft. Now, Jeffcoat will have 2013 to prove himself after his recovery.

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history. Vaccaro was the only semi-reliable tackler on the team, recording a team-high 96 tackles.

Okafor did his part, too, leading the team with 18 tackles for loss and 12.5 sacks, 4.5 of which came in the Longhorns' 31-27 Alamo Bowl victory over Oregon State.

That being said, the Longhorns still have plenty of talent remaining on defense, especially in the areas that their seniors vacated. With Okafor and Vaccaro gone, the torch is now passed to Quandre Diggs, Carrington Byndom and Jackson Jeffcoat, all of whom are expected to make big moves in 2013. Diggs and Byndom combined for seven interceptions last year and should form one of the nation's top defensive back duos.

Along the line of scrimmage, Jeffcoat should dominate in a way that will remind Texas fans of Sergio Kindle. Despite playing in only six games last year, he finished second to Okafor with 11 tackles for loss and four sacks.

The Longhorns look good on the offensive end, too. They have a stable of running backs, including Johnathan Gray and the lightning-quick Daje Johnson, as well as a seasoned receiving corps that shouldn't miss Marquise Goodwin too much. Texas has tons of big-play ability to boast.

There are still questions that need to be answered, though. Will David Ash, in his third year starting, make the necessary strides to guide Texas to a Big 12 title? With most of the conference's premier quarterbacks gone, he stands alone as the only signal-caller who has won two bowl games. No doubt, big things will be expected of him. Additionally, Major Applewhite's ability to call plays will have a huge impact on this offense. If he struggles like Bryan Harsin did, expect Texas to have trouble scoring against top defenses.

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actually really good. It just hasn't gone our way."

Prior to the series against Baylor, Texas head coach Augie Garrido said that if they couldn't win their upcoming series against Baylor, Kansas State and Big 12 newcomer TCU, the team would have to rely on their performance in the conference tournament next month. The last time the Longhorns failed to win a conference series was in 1956.

According to the coaching staff, to avoid missing another postseason, the Longhorns will need to win their remaining nine games and hope to carry that momentum into the Big 12 tournament, which only invites the conference's top eight seeds.



"If we can't respond to that, then we'll have to respond to what we get from where we place in the Big 12 tournament," Garrido said.

Last week the Longhorns blanked Houston 4-0 in Austin. Earlier in the season, the Cougars defeated Texas 4-3 in Houston. Junior Erich Weiss hit his first home run of the season during his first at-bat last Tuesday night, while Weston Hall and C.J. Hinojosa each added an RBI to the evening.

Travis Duke, who came in as relief for starting pitcher Josh Urban, got the win for Texas to move to 3-0 on the season. Along with junior Ty Marlow, who came in at the top of the eighth inning, the Texas pitching staff combined for five strikeouts while surrendering only four hits and no runs.

Urban is expected to get his fourth start of the season against Prairie View A&M on Tuesday night. Urban is 1-0 on the season and has posted a 1.73 ERA, while fanning 18 batters through 26 innings. He is second among relievers in ERA, behind Duke, who has a 0.62 ERA through 29 innings on the mound.

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FOOTBALL

Buccaneers add free agents, invite Monroe to work out

By Nick Cremona

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers added to their six-man draft class with the signing of 13 college free agents on Monday afternoon. Among the free agent signings was former Texas running back D.J. Monroe. Monroe went undrafted in last week's draft, but has a chance to make the Buccaneers' offseason roster after a brief rookie camp this weekend. Free agents are invited to camp to compete with draft picks and other players on tryout contracts for a spot on the 53-man roster. In his final season with the Longhorns, Monroe averaged eight and a half yards per carry and scored three rushing touchdowns. He also returned three kicks for touchdowns during his five-year Texas career. Monroe is listed as a wide receiver, along with two others on the camp list, although he played mostly as a running back at Texas. The Buccaneers may be more interested in Monroe's kick return skills more than anything. Former Texas defensive tackle Brandon Moore also went undrafted, but has since signed a three-year contract with the San Diego Chargers.



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

D.J. Monroe's 5-foot-9 frame doesn't lend itself to him becoming a top receiving target for Tampa Bay, but his elusiveness on kick returns could make him a valuable offseason addition.

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the program used to be accustomed to doing every season. Texas committed five errors and left 23 runners on base against Baylor, which now holds the No. 2 spot in the conference after its sweep of the Longhorns.

The Longhorns are averaging 8.43 hits per game this season, yet are only batting a combined .259 as a team. The Longhorns are also averaging 8.43 runners left on base per game, equal to their number of hits.

For a team averaging so many hits and allowing so few runs per game, the Longhorns have shown that they will fold in close games. Texas holds a 9-9 record in one-run games and a 2-5 record in two-run games this season.


With records of 11-2 when scoring in the first inning, and 19-1 when leading after six innings, Texas seems to be a team that can only win if it scores first and maintains. But with a third of the starting lineup batting over .300 this season, the results should be better.

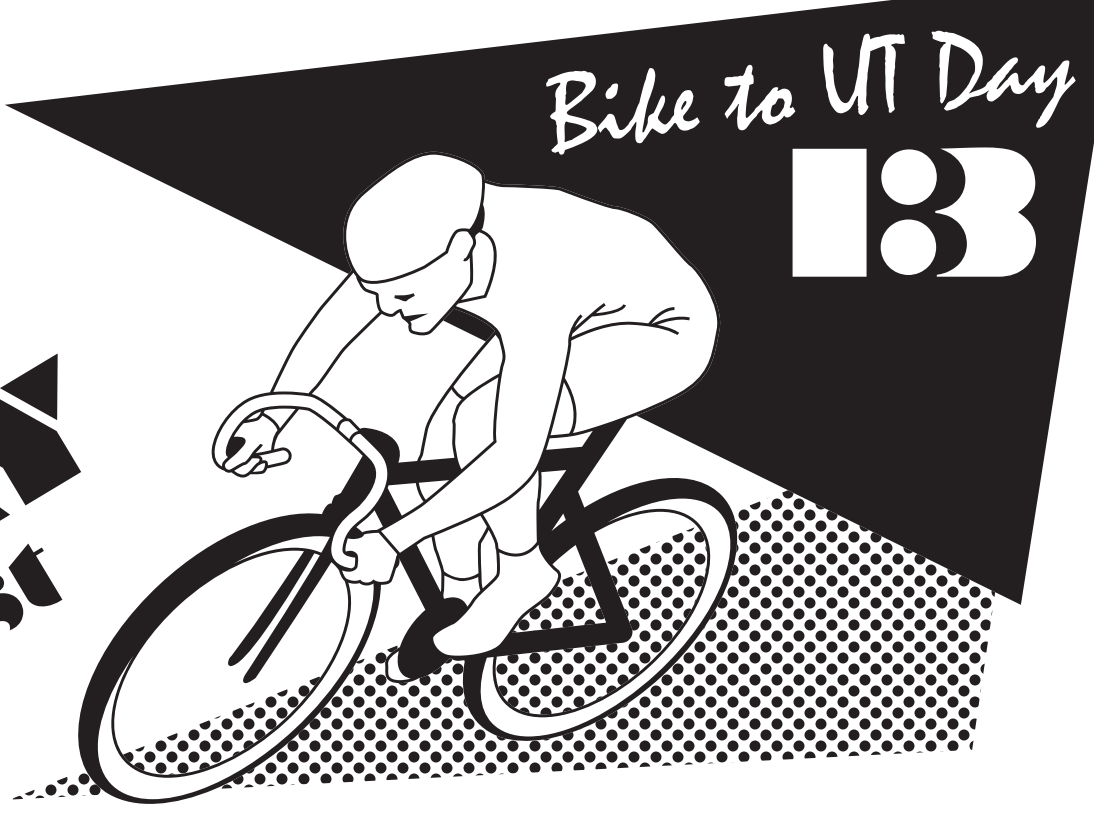
Heading into Tuesday's tilt with Prairie View A&M (20-20, 9-9) a team that holds a similar record to the Longhorns this season, Texas needs to start asserting itself at the plate and preserve some dignity.

Although the Panthers haven't faced the level of competition the Longhorns are used to, they are batting a combined .262 as a team.

The one-game matchup should answer an important question for Texas moving forward: Do they choke against better competition? Prairie View A&M pitchers hold a combined 5.33 ERA this season, while the Longhorns average 3.83 runs per game.

If Texas finds itself in a close ballgame with a mid-major Panthers team, Augie Garrido will have a lot of reevaluating to do heading into the final games of the season.





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# BLOG

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The four bloggers agreed that homemade tortillas, full-bodied salsas and carefully prepared meat from quality cuts of the animal are crucial elements of a proper taco.

“The tortilla is the most important part of a good taco,” Mando said. “It has to be fresh, hand-made and just like ‘abuelita’ used to make.”

“Taco Journalism” also offers tips for die-hard taco eaters. Most taco joints, according to Neece, have secret, special sauces that they don’t normally serve with their everyday taco.

He suggests asking a server for their special salsa or sauce on the side.

“A good sauce can totally turn up the dynamic of the taco you’re eating. It can change it entirely,” Neece said, “I always ask for a side of green sauce to change up my tacos.”

The bloggers call Austin the “taco capital of the world.”

They believe the combination of generational family establishments and a dynamic, hip culture creates an extremely versatile taco scene. In many ways, they believe the Austin taco is as diverse as the city from which it was made. They urged the importance of not judging a book by its cover.

“I took Taco Journalism’s

advice to go to Joe’s Bakery for the best breakfast taco in town,” special education freshman Katherine Aitken said. “It was spot on. They really know how to find the extraordinary in what seems average.”

The bloggers are currently writing a book called “Austin Breakfast Tacos: The Story of the Most Important Taco of the

Day.” It will debut at the Austin Hot Sauce Festival in the first week of August. The book explores the history of the Austin breakfast taco, recipes from Austin culinary icons and taco oddities around the city.

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## ALBUM REVIEW | 'AUTHENTIC'

# Rapper makes mediocre return

By Shane Miller

Fresh off of his controversial collaboration with Brad Paisley on "Accidental Racist," LL Cool J is back. While his debut, 1985's *Radio*, broke new ground for the genre, James Todd Smith has struggled to find critical recognition since — though albums like 1990's *Mama Said Knock You Out* and 1995's *Mr. Smith* have achieved commercial success. *Authentic*, after many delays, is his first release in six years.

The album begins with "Bath Salt," and LL Cool J very quickly reveals his stupidity. Over an unnecessarily orchestral introduction, the rapper declares, "I think this intro should be more dramatic..." before busting into maniacal laughing. By the time the beat drops, the audience is wondering what lines like "Slip into the bath salt," and "hands on my nuts/that's product placement," mean. Regardless of authorial intent (or lack thereof), LL Cool J raps with an unmistakable tone of self-appreciation.

*Authentic* is filled with gimmicks, like guitar solos from Eddie Van Halen, to misdirect the listener from LL Cool J's lack of

originality and sub-par writing. Also ubiquitous throughout the album is the 45-year-old rapper's delusions of grandeur, ignorant of the fact that he's been somewhat irrelevant since his first album.

The few highlights include Snoop Dogg's laid-back verse on "We Came To Party," apparently reviving his rapper persona in spite of his recent name change. The beats are easily the better part of the album, having been produced by the likes of DJ Z-Trip (Beck, Busta Rhymes) and Soundz (Pitbull, Trey Songz).

Unfortunately, not even impressive production can save *Authentic*. "Bartender Please" is at least two minutes too long, crashing and burning in a chaotic shout-out match between four speakers. The final nail in the coffin, though, burying what little promise the album has, is Paisley's surprise guest appearance on "Live For You."

Are Travis Barker's 10-second drum solos necessary? Did LL Cool J need to enlist Tom Morello to offer his trademark minimalist guitar on "Whaddup?" And most importantly, did he really need to collaborate with Brad Paisley again? The answer to all these questions is probably not.

LL COOL J

**Album:** *Authentic*

**Label:** 429 Records

**Songs to Download:**

"Bath Salt," "Something About You (Love the World)"



Photo courtesy of Michael Caulfield

LL Cool J performs live at the 2012 Grammy's Nominations Concert, a subject he raps about in *Authentic*.

## PATIO *continues from page 12*

finally settled in its current home on Guadalupe Street 59 years ago.

Family employee Renee Joseph-Downer said El Patio has very loyal customers. The cycle of tex-mex continues through what is now five generations.

The servers respond to this family dynamic with their own loyalty, becoming a part of the El Patio family.

"For the last 25 years I've been eating here, and I'm still eating here. That's how much I like it," Arriola said.

El Patio is owned by a family whose roots go back to the eighteenth century in Austin. Joseph-Downer said El Patio has a philosophy that stems from being a family-run business.

"We like for everyone to pull together," Joseph-Downer said. "If a customer is seated in another waiter's section, they will help each other even if that customer isn't technically theirs."

Jaime Bolanos, another server, has worked at El Patio for 32 years. He said after all this time

he still enjoys the food.

"We have a woman who makes our taco shells every day from scratch and deep fries them," Joseph-Downer said. "So it's a homemade chip and from there we put ground beef, lettuce and tomatoes, guacamole, grated cheese, queso or chicken [on it]."

The Perkin's Special is one of the many taco-dedicated dishes on the menu.

It comes with two tacos served with beef, lettuce, tomatoes and queso on top. The Perkin's Special is a popular choice among customers who have a long history with the El Patio family. Joseph-Downer said the Perkin's Special was named after a police officer who knew her father for about 70 years. When Perkins ordered a taco, he would always order it with queso on top.

After customers eat the Perkin's special or the David Special, an enchilada dish, the servers offer a free dessert of sherbet or homemade praline candy as they total the bill.



Charlie Pearce | Daily Texan Staff

A customer wraps enchiladas in a homemade corn tortilla.

## BEANS *continues from page 12*

Lamar Boulevard, is more of an experience than it is a grocery store. With proper skills, you could probably live inside the store for years and survive just fine.

The burrito and taco bar at Whole Foods is a good stop for the hunger that strikes during evening grocery store excursions. Before embarking into the beautiful sea of food and soaps, fill up on a black bean burrito or three black bean tacos, which can both be purchased for the same price.

The selection at the build-your-own taco bar at Whole Foods is the most extensive

selection of fillings you can find. With options like vegan chorizo and a variety of salsas, cheeses and tortillas, the number of taco combinations is infinite. Grilled vegetables are also usually offered, making the Whole Foods taco bar a good option for a well-balanced black bean dinner.

Eating black bean tacos for every meal probably is not part of any recommended diet, but the idea is tempting. Do not let your love for ground beef keep you from ordering a black bean taco next time you visit your favorite local taco joint.



DEEP PURPLE

**Album:** *NOW What?!*

**Label:** earMusic

**Songs to Download:** "Blood From A Stone"

Apparently Deep Purple is still a band, and with *NOW What?!* they seem to acknowledge their own amazement at this fact. The album is exceedingly cheesy in its maintenance of the band's classic rock sound. But, filled with organs and screeching solos, it sounds like a band doing what they love.



LIGHTS

**Album:** *Siberia (Acoustic)*

**Label:** Last Gang Records

**Songs to Download:** "Toes," "Peace Sign," "Banner"

The Canadian synthpop artist renders her 2011 album *Siberia* acoustically. Unsurprisingly, the trimmed-down version is much better. Instead of her over-the-top synthesizers, her guitar playing — supplemented with violins and pianos — breathes new musical life into the same songs, while her fragile voice renders the lyrics more intelligible.



IGGY AND THE STOOGES

**Album:** *Ready to Die*

**Label:** Fat Possum Records

**Songs to Download:** "Unfriendly World," "Ready to Die," "The Departed"

It's hard to overstate Iggy and The Stooges' importance to punk rock music. Throughout its on-and-off career of 40 or so years, it has lost several members, and this album plays on themes of self-realization through old age. Slow ballads like "Unfriendly World" and "The Departed" are a welcome change from their cookie-cutter four-power-chord songs, and, overall, the album reflects a maturity that could only come from an old band like this.

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Good on you for asking, but she's way out of your league. You knew that.

I just don't get it. Girls say they want someone with a great personality. Well I'm smart, I'm funny, I'm interesting. I'm -

Dude. Face it.

You're not hot enough to have a great personality.

I HAVE WATCHED YOU FOR MONTHS. NOW I HAVE MADE YOU THIS BRACELET WITH MY HAIR.

NIFTY! CAN I WEAR IT ON MY ANKLE?

THIS GIRL IS TOO WEIRD.

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DID HALLERNA HIRE YOU?

HMM, I THINK HE'S THE SMITH HERE. HE'S GOT DARK HAIR. SMITH??

WHAT'S IN THIS BOX THEN? IT MOVES AROUND A LOT AND MAKES WEIRD NOISES.

\*SKRITCH\*  
\*SKRITCH\*

YEAH. MY FIRST JOB IS TO GIVE THIS BOX TO SOMEONE CALLED ERLENDR. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THAT IS!

I'M GONNA HAVE A PEEK!

NO WAIT! YOU SHOULDN'T PEEK INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S-

UH...

SO AH, WHATCHA GOT IN YER BOX OVER THERE?

BOATS CAN'T SINK P. BURAPARATE

HEY JIM! WHATCHA GOT THERE?

HEY LOU!

IT'S MY GENETICS PROJECT WE HAD TO MAKE VARIOUS "COPIES" OF OUR SELVES WITH DIFFERIN' PHENOTYPES!

I CALL 'EM MY LIL JIMMIES.

HEY OUTTA THE WAY

MY JIMMIES HAVE BEEN RUSTLED.

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- ACROSS

1 "Back in Black" band

5 Biggest diamond?

8 Amaz and Ball's production company

14 Title Seuss character who speaks for trees

16 Prefaces

17 "Wow, he survived!"

18 Walked with purpose

19 Bowling unit

20 AOL and Comcast

22 "Hulk" director Lee

23 Airline guess, for short

24 Depot: Abbr.

26 "Wow, you're a regular expert at turning right!"

29 Jacob's twin

31 Horrified

33 Yucatán year
- 34 Renée Zellweger's role in "Chicago"

36 Door swinger

38 "Wow, those reptiles have mad hops!"

42 Handed out cards

43 April 1 gag

44 Texter's expression of surprise

45 Shortly

48 Succumbs to gravity

52 "Wow, look at that bovine idol!"

54 Triumphant shout

56 Half of a disapproving rebuke

57 Previously named

58 Ticked (off)

60 Long, disapproving look

62 Jackson with two Best Actress Oscars
- 64 "Wow, I'm standing next to Mr. Clooney himself!"

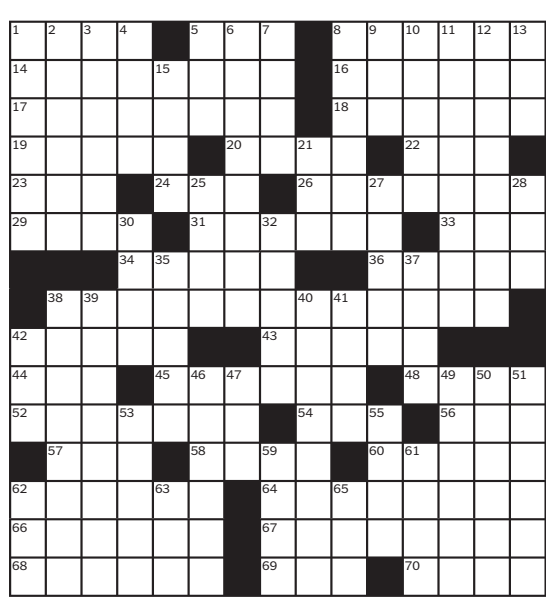
66 Bears legend Walter

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68 Like palms on a first date, perhaps

69 Not safe, in baseball

70 "Understood"



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- 39 Asset of a good proofreader

40 "Understood"

41 Comic actor Galifianakis

42 Homer Simpson's exclamation

46 Zero

47 Dazzle
- 49 Classic video game consoles

50 Sound of draining water

51 "Remington \_\_\_\_"

53 Gossipy sort

55 Like some wines and cheeses

59 Iberian Peninsula river

65 Gangster's gun
- 61 Thor's archenemy in comics

62 Satellite-based navigation aid, for short

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# Tantilizing tacos tempt Austin

By **Jourden Sander**

Torchy's Tacos may be students' go-to taco eatery, but another taco option is just down the road. El Patio is a tex-mex dive that's been feeding locals since 1954 and cooking some of the best tacos in Austin.

Jamie Arriola, an El Patio server, said people are surprised by the tacos because they're untraditionally flat and homemade.

"People order our tacos and they get them and say 'What is this? This is a tostada not a taco.' And then we explain that we cook our own taco shells," Arriola said. "But people like them, and most of the people eat it all."

While new customers may be surprised by the tacos, most of the patrons at El Patio have been eating there for years.

After changing locations, names and menus, El Patio

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## Black bean tacos not just for vegetarians

By **Hannah Smothers**

In Austin, "taco culture" is a real thing.

Try going anywhere without finding tacos on the menu. Whether pre-wrapped in tiny foil space-ships of flavor or freshly made-to-order, tacos are like an unspoken requirement for operating a food establishment in this city.

Tacos are desirable for several key reasons. They are diverse and can be custom-created to fit anyone's palette. They can also be eaten for any meal, although eating a tortilla packaged with beef or chicken for breakfast tends to be frowned upon.

This is where black beans come in. Put black beans in a tortilla and you have the base for a meal that is appropriate for any time of day. Breakfast time? Add some bacon or eggs. Lunch break? Some lettuce or cilantro makes a good addition. Craving tacos for dinner? A hearty scoop of guacamole and some grilled vegetables makes the meal complete.

At some establishments, black bean tacos are hidden under the vegetarian label on the menu. But that shouldn't keep carnivores from delving into the world of bean-based meals. Black beans might be lower in protein than chicken and beef, but they are also generally lower in fat and sodium, making them a somewhat healthier taco alternative.

After navigating the local black bean taco scene, there are a few establishments that reign superior.

For breakfast, combating the usual morning crowd at Tacodeli is well worth the wait. The thing that is so great about the black bean breakfast taco



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at Tacodeli is that it leaves the usual pile of soggy eggs out of the recipe.

The Otto, Tacodeli's black bean breakfast taco, is instead filled with a hearty supply of refried black beans, bacon, avocado and Monterey Jack cheese.

The only way this taco could be better is if the beans were left un-refried. Starting the day with a mouthful of refried beans does not seem especially appetizing. Vegetarians can alter the recipe by leaving out the bacon, although the bacon is what keeps the breakfast theme in the Otto going strong.

Although Torchy's Tacos is not necessarily a local establishment anymore, no list of Austin taco joints is complete without at least one mention of the popular chain. Torchy's is a particularly convenient stop for a quick lunch because there are plenty of locations and

the wait time is usually pretty minimal.

The Independent, which also happens to be April's taco of the month, is the best black bean taco Torchy's has to offer. Although the fried Portobello mushrooms take center stage, the refried black beans are a huge contributor to this taco's delicacy.

Torchy's tacos are usually far from simple, and this one is no exception. Rounded out with roasted corn, carrots escabeche, queso fresco, cilantro, avocado and topped with ancho aioli, the Independent is a mouthful of toppings and flavors. The promise of one of these should be enough to keep you awake and motivated through early morning classes.

Whole Foods is a national chain, but we cannot forget where it got its start. The Whole Foods headquarters, located on North

**BREAKFAST**  
**THE OTTO**

**Where:** Tacodeli  
**Cost:** \$2.75  
**Website:** [tacodeli.com](http://tacodeli.com)

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**LUNCH**  
**THE INDEPENDENT**

**Where:** Torchy's Tacos  
**Cost:** \$3.50  
**Website:** [torchystacos.com](http://torchystacos.com)

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**DINNER**  
**WHOLE FOODS TACOS**

**Where:** Whole Foods  
**Cost:** \$3  
**Website:** [wholefoods-market.com](http://wholefoods-market.com)

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Jarod Neece, Gordon "The Commish" Murphy, Justin "Cornbiter Deluxe" Bankston, and Mando "El Mundo de Mando" Rayo are the "Taco Mafia" in Austin. Their blog, "Taco Journalism," offers critique of taco destinations across the city.

## Four Austin bloggers critique local tacos

By **Willa Young**

It is difficult to find a person without an appreciation for the art form that is the taco. But for four Austin men, their love for tacos transcends the average devotion and borders on insanity. By day, the quad lives in pleasant American normalcy. But by night, they transform into crusaders searching for the best taco Austin can offer.

Jarod Neece and his partners, Gordon "The Commish" Murphy, Justin "Cornbiter Deluxe" Bankston, and Mando "El Mundo de Mando" Rayo spend much of their lives eating and writing about nothing but tacos. They started their popular Austin-based blog, "Taco Journalism," in 2006.

"Tacos are the perfect, traditional food," Neece said, "You have to be invested in eating a big, fat burrito. You can do so much more and have much more fun with a taco."

"Taco Journalism" is a blog dedicated to spreading the word about the best tacos in the Austin area. They were inspired by the progress of Yelp and their mutual love for breakfast tacos. The sheer number of

tacos in Austin keeps their blog updated constantly with new taco destinations.

"We're not here to bring down taco establishments in Austin," Neece said, "We want to love every taco we try and make everyone love tacos."

"Taco Journalism" grades each restaurant, trailer, truck and hole-in-the-wall with a one to five star ranking. Both ends of the star spectrum are hard to come by on the website. They post a short description and explanation with the star ranking and offer up advice for ordering.

Neece noted that his favorite taco in Austin is at Al Pastor Taco Stand on Riverside Drive. It is situated in a trailer in the parking lot of a bingo parlor. Neece emphasized that upscale décor and a hefty price tag do not necessarily make a good taco.

"The most important thing is to see the effort and the love that went into each taco," Neece said, "Dry, store-bought tortillas, bland salsa and tough, chewy meat proves they don't care about what they are serving me."

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